

SEPA Environmental Event Report

Elms Event Number ENV/0898326
Event Description Odour complaint for 2 Sisters

Notification Number 1

Reported By

Surname
Forename
Organisation Name
Address 1
Address 2
Address 3
Town
Post Code
Tel No
Fax No
Email Address

Origin Public Complainant
Affected Medium Air
Investigating Team Falkirk, Alloa, Stirling and Perth
Investigating Officer

Receiving Office

Time Received 15:20:00
Date Received 24-APR-19

Time Responded 09:00:00
Date Responded 25-APR-19
Within 24? Yes

Location

Located Notifiers Address? Yes

Date Event Occurred 24-APR-19

Site Name

RSA Site? No

Catchment

Mental H&S Assessment Low

Assessment Description

Impact Category 4 - Other

Cause Unknown

Source IPC / PPC part A

Potential Hazard

Complainants Notified? Yes **Details**

Type Odour

Sector Industry

Sepa Activity PPC

Farm Name

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Action

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reported: "I would like to register a complaint about the foul smell emanating from the 2 sisters chicken factory over the past few days (easter weekend) This is an ongoing issue and is not being investigated seriously, a member of staff sitting outside the front gate for half an hour will not suffice.

The smell can extend from Princes Croft to the far end of the high street and needs to be properly addressed."

A SEPA Officer attended site on 23/04/19 following previous complaints over the Easter weekend and undertook an odour assessment around the site and key streets. No significant odours were detected. SEPA also contacted the Manager on site () to ask for the findings of their regular standard odour assessments over the last few days and to identify the potential source. No source was confirmed, however reported the Dutch barn fans were running throughout the hot weather to keep the birds cool prior to being processed. The mortality rate during hot weather is reported to be severe, but with an odour of feathers rather than effluent / liquor. As the temperature was cooler on 23/04/2019, the aim was to reduce the fan operation.

ZB sent email update to on 25/04/2019 (copy saved in file folder) returned for a follow-up odour assessment on 25/04/2019. No offensive odour was recorded.

29/04/2019 and carried out an ad-hoc odour assessment (FIDOL) with Between 14:15hrs and 15:04hrs at various locations around Coupar Angus i.e Kings road / Princess Croft / Union St etc (see file spreadsheet) No odour was detected. Arrived on site approx 15:15hrs spoke with who again advised that they attributed any potential odour over the Easter weekend from the Dutch barn and the fans which keep the birds cool. Points to address from the meeting: The site do carry out their own odour assessments on site however SEPA advised that this procedure should be revised as it is carried out by engineers who work in the DAF plant and so are not as receptive/ sensitive to odour (the majority of their assessments detected no odour) Advised that odour assessments should be carried out by 2 sisters outside the site boundary also. The aim would be to detect any odour issues early and so take action to identify the source / reduce complaints. Additionally asked to provide further information on their maintenance regime for the carbon filters to ensure the abatement if working as should be.

NFA at present: The offensive odour was not substantiated at the time (standby officers attending other major incident Mossmorran). On-going work with the site to address odour issues.